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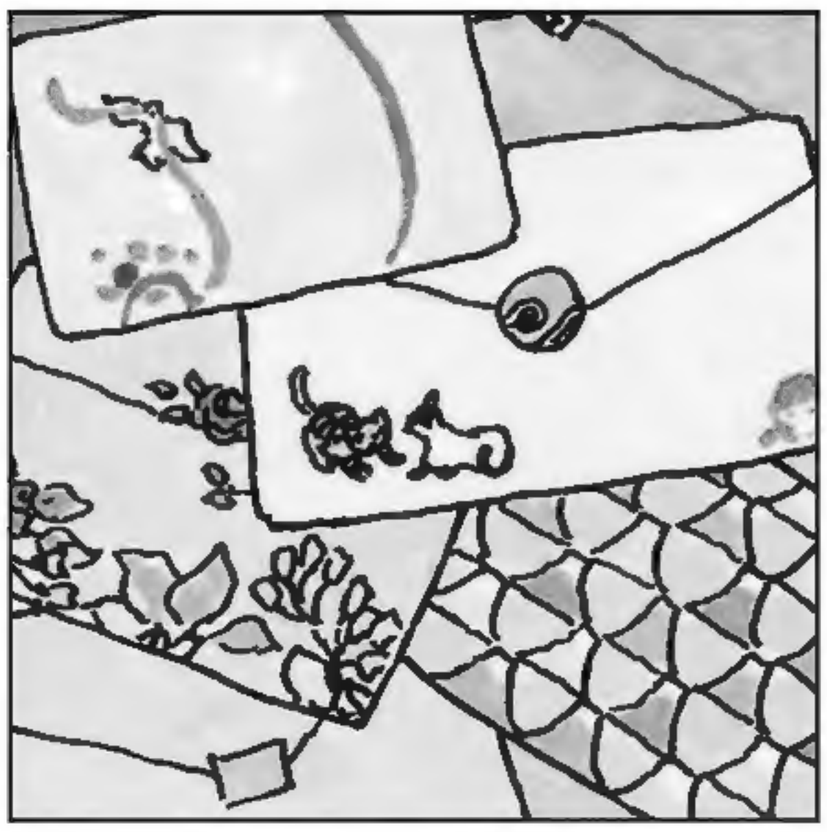

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We run a contest for original character designs called Boruto Star Certification Board (Boru-Sta). Thank you so much for always submitting so many entries. I've looked over each of them numerous times, and they've been very exciting to judge.

And while there's supposed to only be one grand prize "Ninja-certified" design each time, the field has been so outstanding that I haven't been able to narrow it down under two. The selection process takes a lot of effort, but the passion each entry exudes has a happy bonus effect of giving me energy and motivation.

I also get so much strength from all of you who send in fan letters. Thank you so very much.

—Mikio Ikemoto, 2024

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BORUTO CHARACTERS
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UZUMAKI NARUTO

NARA SHIKAMARU

UCHIHA SASUKE

CODE

AMADO

HIDARI

MAMUSHI

JURA

THE DIVINE TREE QUARTET

MATSURI

UZUMAKI BORUTO

KAWAKI

DAEMON

EIDA

UCHIHA SARADA

UZUMAKI HIMAWARI

MITSUKI

KAKEI SUMIRE

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son Boruto…

After that incident, Boruto unexpectedly runs into Kawaki, who also bears a Karma. Under Naruto's protection, Kawaki starts to deeply respect Naruto and consider Boruto his brother.

However, following their battle against Code, who has inherited the Ohtsutsuki Will, Kawaki seals Naruto away and goes after Boruto's life. In addition, the power of Eida's Omnipotence causes Boruto and Kawaki to switch positions. Everyone's perception is that Kawaki is Naruto's son, and Boruto an outsider. Boruto, who has now become a fugitive, goes into hiding along with Sasuke…

Three years later, as Code attacks the Village of Konoha, self-aware Divine Trees Jura and Hidari make their entrance in order to devour Naruto. However, their interest appears to be aimed at Himawari...

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NINE TAILS

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WE THOUGHT WE WERE CHASING UZUMAKI NARUTO...

...SO IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE...

...WHEN WE FOUND THIS LITTLE GIRL INSTEAD.

SENSORY UNIT, DO YOU COPY?!

...

...

THIS IS SHIKADAI OF TEAM TEN.

YOU LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?

WHY COME TO SUCH A REMOTE PLACE?

WE REQUEST IMME-DIATE BACKUP!

WE'VE RUN INTO TWO LIKELY TRES-PASSERS. NO SIGN OF MASTER SASUKE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

... AND THE CURRENT HOKAGE'S SON.

NARA SHIKADAI, OF KAZAMA-TSURI MOEGI'S TEAM TEN...

...

FLIP FLIP

AREN'T YOU...

NNN

ACTUALLY, OUR BUSINESS IS WITH HIS PREDE-CESSOR.

SO, FRANKLY, WE'RE SURPRISED TOO.

WE CAME HERE FOLLOWING UZUMAKI NARUTO'S TRAIL.

...

YEAH, SO WHAT?

YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR MY DAD OR SOME-THING?

HEY!

THEY DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT!

CUZ THREE YEARS AGO, HE--

BUT THERE'S NO WAY LORD SEVENTH WOULD BE HERE!

FOR THE ONLY NINE TAILS *SIGNA-TURE*...

...IS COMING FROM THIS GIRL.

I SEE.

WELL, HE DEFINITELY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYWHERE IN THIS VILLAGE.

?!

HE'S GOTTA BE A TOTAL BADDIE!!

WHAT'S HE GOING ON ABOUT?!

PLUS, LOOK AT HIM...

...

NINE TAILS?

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.

TRULY. THIS WORLD KEEPS RAISING...

...ONE QUESTION AFTER ANOTHER.

HEY, EXPLAIN YOURSELF!

WHAT'S NINE TAILS GOT TO DO WITH HIMAWARI?!

...

...I LIKE THAT.

AND YET...

?!

PLIK

PLIK

AH...

AHH!

G-

G-

G-

SHADOW PARALYSIS JUTSU!!

HIMA-WARI!!

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

WIPP

HIMA-
WARI!
HIMA!

HOW MAG-
NIFICENT!
SUCH
INCREDIBLE
COORDI-
NATION,
WITHOUT
A SINGLE
VERBAL
EXCHANGE...

TA
K

IF YOU INSIST ON CONTINUING TO RESIST, WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE...

...BUT TO ATTACK YOU.

OUR SOLE TARGET TODAY IS UZUMAKI HIMAWARI.

A WARNING, OUT OF RESPECT FOR YOUR TEAMWORK.

WE BEAR NO ENMITY TOWARDS TEAM TEN.

HOW-EVER...

SHIKA-DAI!

...!

YOU OKAY?!

DAD!

REPORT.

!

WHAT ?!

...IT HAS TO DO WITH NINE TAILS!

THE REASON ISN'T CLEAR, BUT...

THE ENEMY'S TARGET IS HIMAWARI.

I DON'T GET IT...

WHY ME?!

KAWAKI !!

TPP

TP

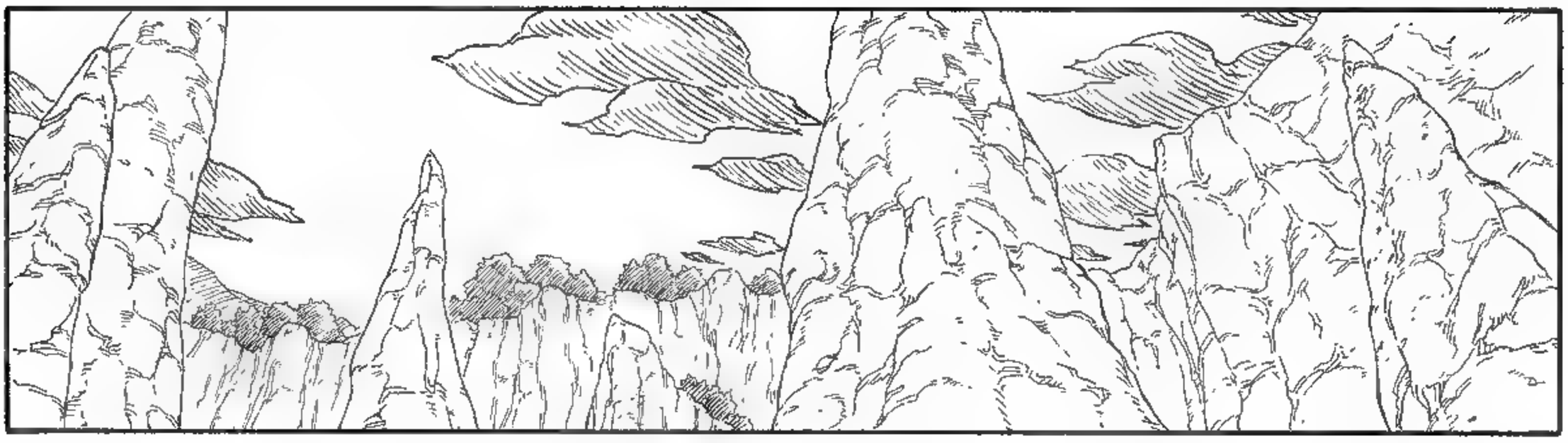
...

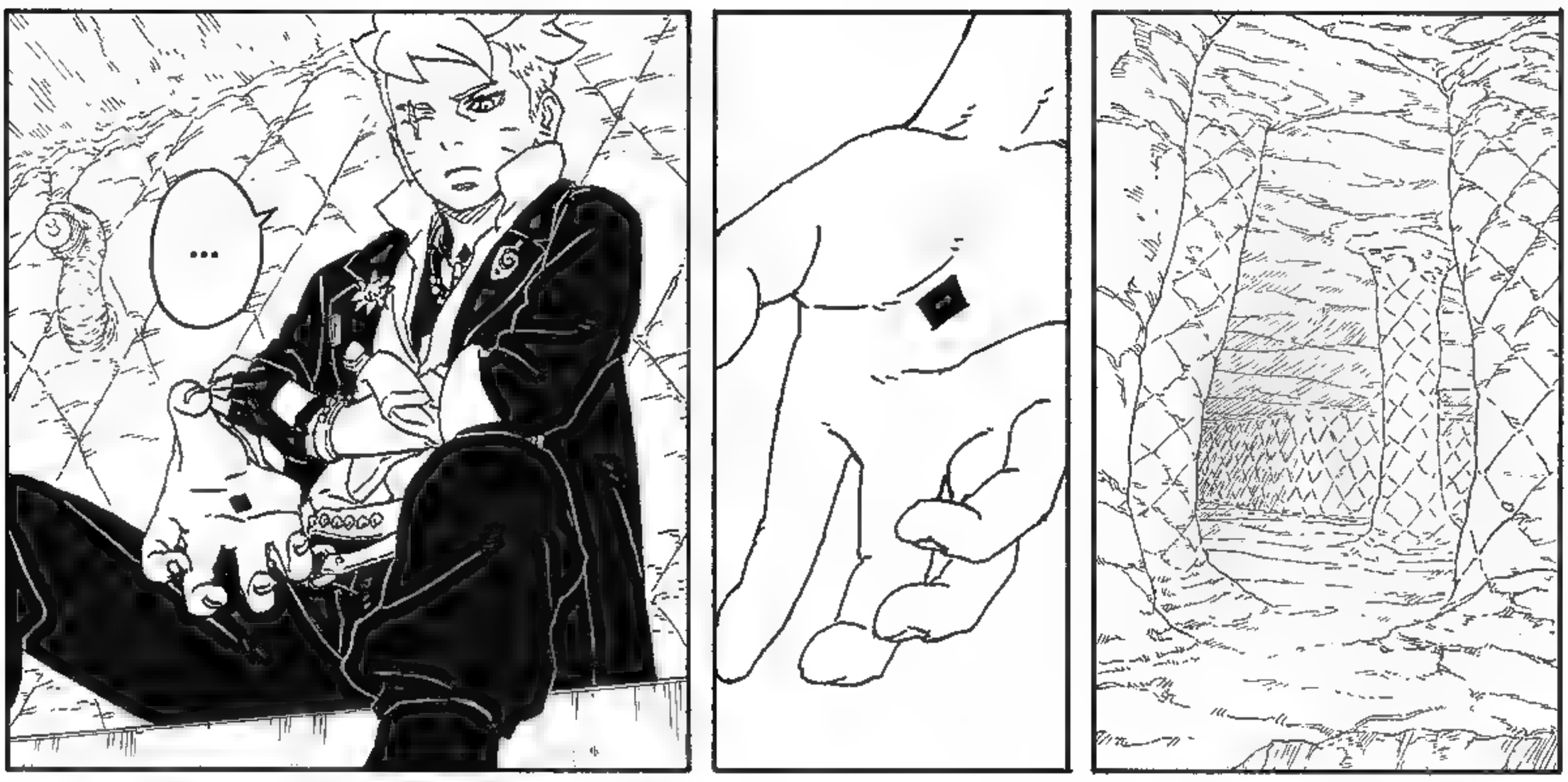
HEY!

WAKE UP!

WHAT THE HECK...

...IS THIS GUY?

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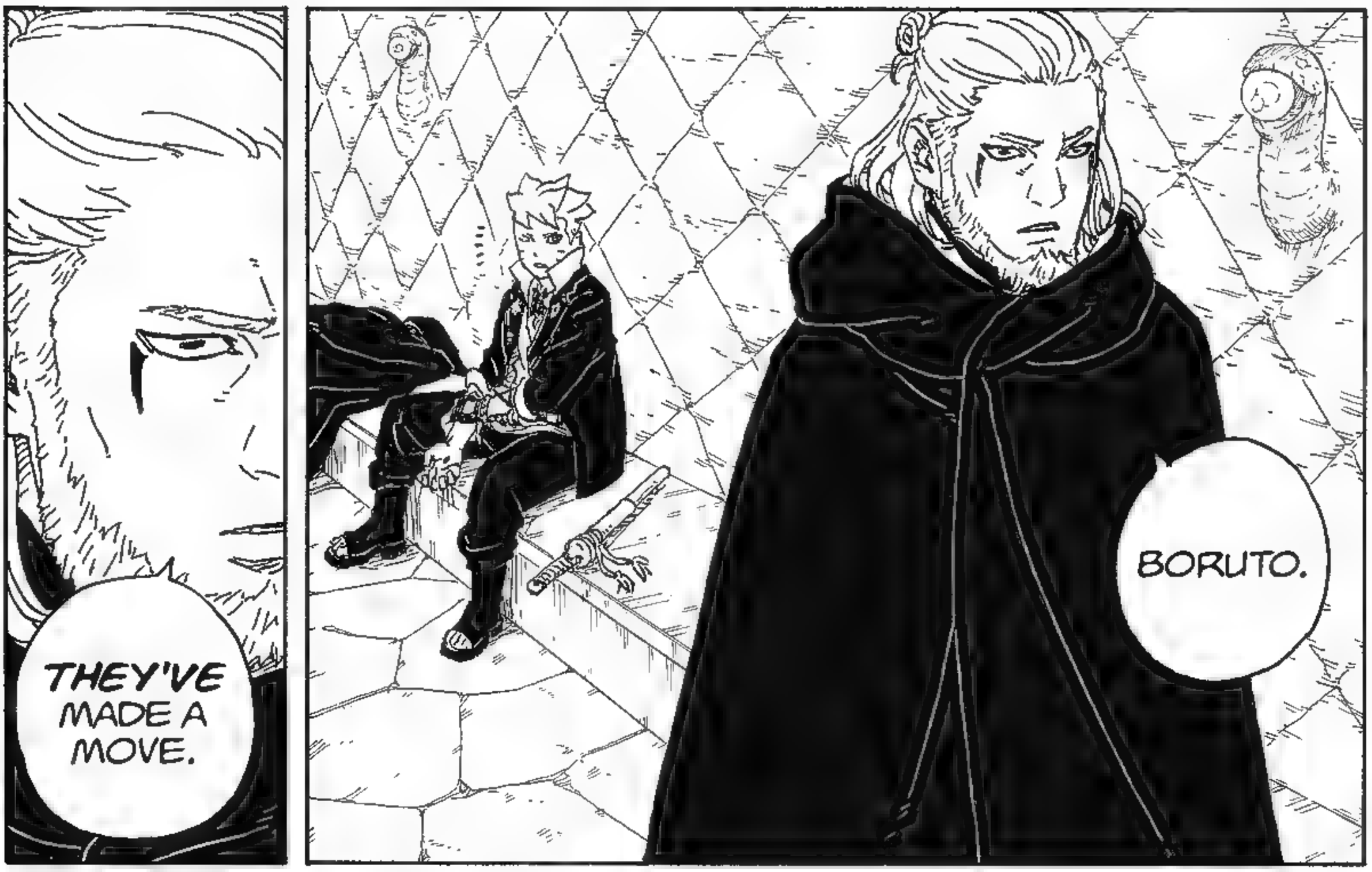
THEY'VE MADE A MOVE.
BORUTO.

FLY TO THE *TRIANGLE.*

YEAH.

WHERE?

KCHK

FLAP

KONOHA?

FWH

LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING.

YOU SAID YOU CAME HERE FOLLOWING UZUMAKI NARUTO'S TRAIL.

RIGHT?

BUT NOW YOU'RE AFTER HIMAWARI.

...

WHY'S THAT?

WHY HIMA; WARI?

WHAT THE HECK?

BESIDES, I THOUGHT NINE TAILS WAS DEAD!

I'LL BE FRANK.

AND WE HAPPEN TO SENSE HIS CHAKRA SIGNATURE IN UZUMAKI HIMAWARI.

THE TRAIL WE FOLLOWED IS NINE TAILS'S.

IT'S GOTTA BE SOME MISTAKE!

RELAX, HIMA!

...FOR THESE WACKOS TO BE AFTER YOU!

THERE'S NO REASON IN THE WORLD...

NINE TAILS'S...

...CHAKRA?

AND WE'LL AT LEAST GET ONE ANSWER...

...BY *DEVOURING* YOU...

...UZUMAKI HIMAWARI.

BUT WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHY...

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER...

...WE'RE SURPRISED TOO.

...THIS SITUATION EXISTS.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED ...

TMP

?!

DEVOUR ?!

TMP

...INO-SHIKA-CHO.

BUT DON'T LOOK BACK.

BEHIND YOU, NARA SHIKA-MARU.

HURRY UP! THEIR CURRENT LOCATION IS SECTOR D, NORTH-WEST.

TEAM TEN HAS ENGAGED.

LINK UP WITH YAMANAKA INO.

...

NNH...

BORUTO'S ENTERED KONOHA.

THE DAMAGE IS ALMOST FULLY HEALED.

QUIT YAPPING IN MY EAR.

HOW COULD I FACE EIDA IF YOU DIED?!

YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE!

DON'T WORRY ME LIKE THAT!

...DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD BE RECKLESS!

JUST CUZ YOU HAVE NEAR LIMITLESS REGENER-ATIVE ABILITY...

!

HOLD UP.

...ONE OTHER ...

WE'VE GOT...

THEY'RE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SECTOR D.

C'MON, LET'S GO!

...UNINVITED GUEST.

MOKUTON JUTSU. THERE'S NO MISTAKE.

VWOO

IT'S THEM, ALL RIGHT.

SPROING

THERE ARE TWO ENEMIES-- YOUR DIVINE TREES BY THE LOOKS OF IT.

...THEY'RE AFTER HIMAWARI, FOR SOME REASON.

THEY SUPPOS-EDLY CAME LOOKING FOR NARUTO, BUT NOW...

WE'RE ON A PRIVATE LINE OF INO'S, JUST LIKE BEFORE.

CAN YOU HEAR ME, BORUTO?

LOUD AND CLEAR.

YEAH.

HIMAWARI ?!

!

...

NINE TAILS?

IT SEEMS THAT NINE TAILS'S CHAKRA IS INVOLVED.

RING ANY BELLS?

...

?

KAWAKI HERE.

SENSORY UNIT?

TCH.

CONFIRMING BORUTO'S TRESPASS. HE'S PROBABLY ERASED HIS CHAKRA SIGNATURE.

WHAT'RE YOU SNEAKING AROUND FOR?

THEY FRIENDS OF YOURS?

AND THOSE CREEPY MON-STERS...

NEAR THE GREAT GATE.

RIGHT WHERE THE JONIN WERE MURDERED.

WHAT?!

LORD EIGHTH, I NEED A LITTLE TIME.

VWOOO

AND WHAT'RE *YOU* LOITERING HERE FOR...

...WHEN KONOHA'S UNDER ENEMY ATTACK?

KRNCH

KAWAKI'S FOUND ME.

TMP

ENOUGH.

IF YOU WANT...

...YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME ALONG.

DEALING WITH *THEM* IS THE HIGHER PRIORITY.

THAT'S SOME SERIOUS SELF-DENIAL.

YOU'RE THE ENEMY OF KONOHA ...

...BORUTO.

ARE YOU MOCK-ING ME?

WSH

!

TAP

SKWEE

WSH

GKK

ARGH!

NNH...

HACK

GGH ...

WHOA ...

...

UH, MORE LIKE, HOW MUCH DID *YOU* TRAIN?

PITIFUL.

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN TRAINING AT ALL?

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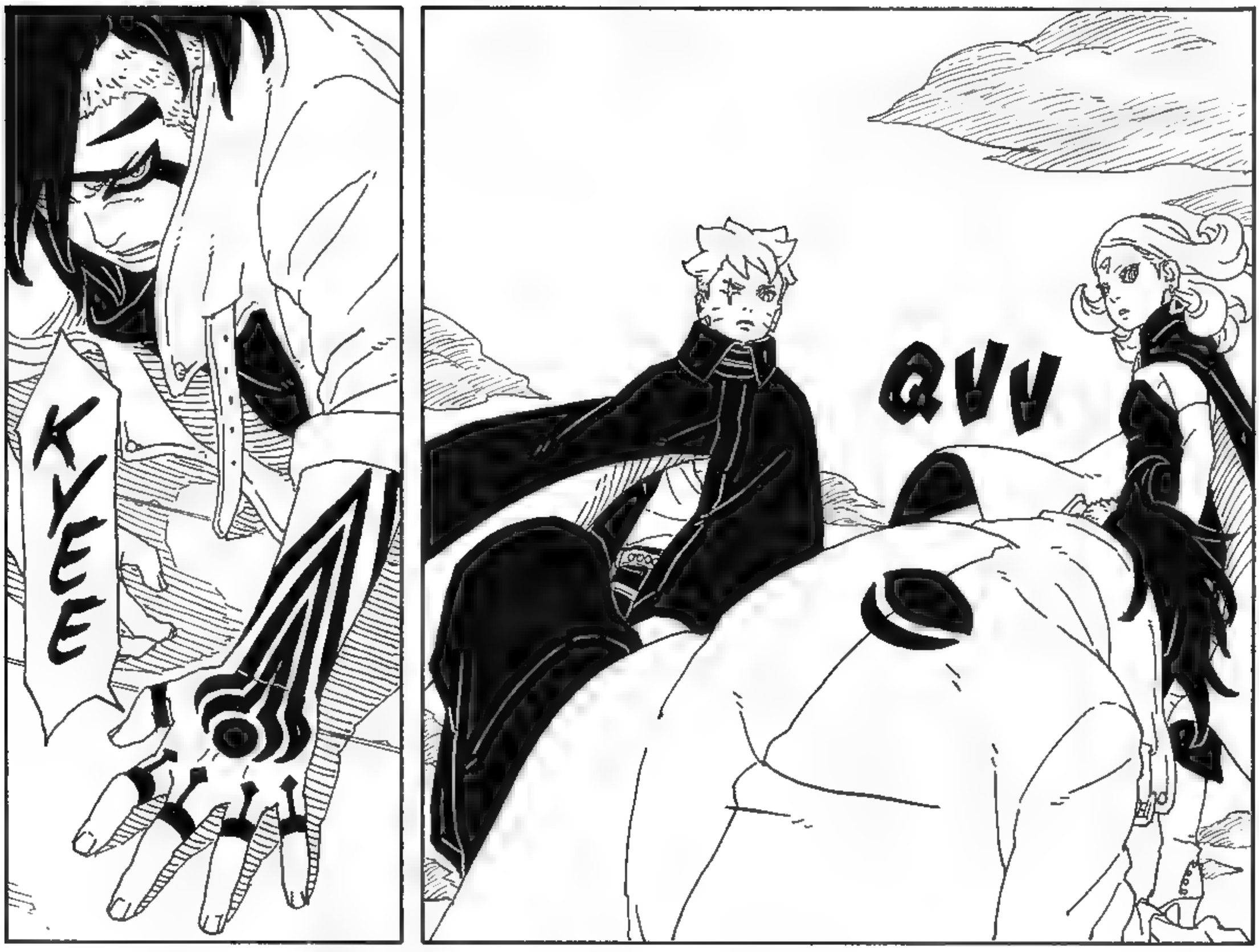

KYEE
QVV

WP
EEE

THE KARMAS ARE RESONATING!

THIS IS BAD...

?!

ZWWW...

UGH!

BORUTO, YOU NEED TO LEAVE, *NOW*!

...OR YOU'RE GONNA LOSE CONTROL!

PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU...

WWW

...

VOOSH

!

TA

K

WHAT THE HECK?

...

...CAN'T CONTROL HIS KARMA?

HE...

VWOOSH

SWAP

HEY, YOU MIGHT WANNA PAY ATTENTION HERE!

WE'RE THE ONES YOU'RE FIGHTING!

WWP

OH, RIGHT...

...

SKWEEEE

BLINK

THAT'S TOO BAD.

OH, SHOOT!!!

!!!

SHIKA-DAI!!

WAAH
!!

!

WOOOOO

HIMAWARI! EVERYONE!

PLEASE BE OKAY!!

OOOO

THAT WAY!

LET'S HURRY!

GUH!

CHO-CHO AND I NEED A LIFT!

INOJIN!

KEEEEEN

HIMA-WARI!

HOLD ON TIGHT!

VWOOSH

FLAP-FLAP

...

...THEY INTEND TO KEEP RESISTING TO THE BITTER END...

...AT THE RISK OF DEATH.

OUR TARGET IS UZUMAKI HIMAWARI.

...WAS HAND HER OVER, BUT...

THEY KNEW ALL THEY HAD TO DO...

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY...

THAT OKAY?

BUT AS LONG AS HIMAWARI'S WITH US...

...THEY PROBABLY WON'T UNLEASH THAT ATTACK AGAIN.

LET'S WAIT TOGETHER TO SEE WHAT THEY'LL DO NEXT!

WHAT THAT SOME-THING IS...

...IS LIKELY TO BE CRUCIAL INFOR-MATION FOR US AS WELL.

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

SOMETHING IS DRIVING THEM PAST THEIR OWN SURVIVAL INSTINCTS.

FOOLS.

THEY DON'T SEEM TOO INTEL-LIGENT.

VWOOO

THERE WOULD'VE BEEN NOTHING LEFT OF US IF THAT'D HIT!

THAT WAS CLOSE!

...

GOOD THINKING.

WE CAN LEAD THEM AWAY, AND THEN...

EITHER WAY...

...SHOULDN'T WE FLY OUT OF THE VILLAGE?

I'LL ESCAPE...

...ON MY OWN.

INOJIN... COULD YOU...

HUH?

...LET ME OFF SOME-WHERE? ALONE.

BUT IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU!

THEY'RE TOO STRONG!

THERE'S NO WAY THEY WON'T CATCH YOU!

YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?!

HOLD UP!

NO! NO WAY!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL ALL—

...

...

?

WHERE ...

HIMA-WARI?

HEY. HULLO?

HUH ...?

...THAT JERK TEN TAILS WOULD SNIFF ME OUT.

GOOD GRIEF.

I CAN'T BELIEVE...

LITTLE GIRL.

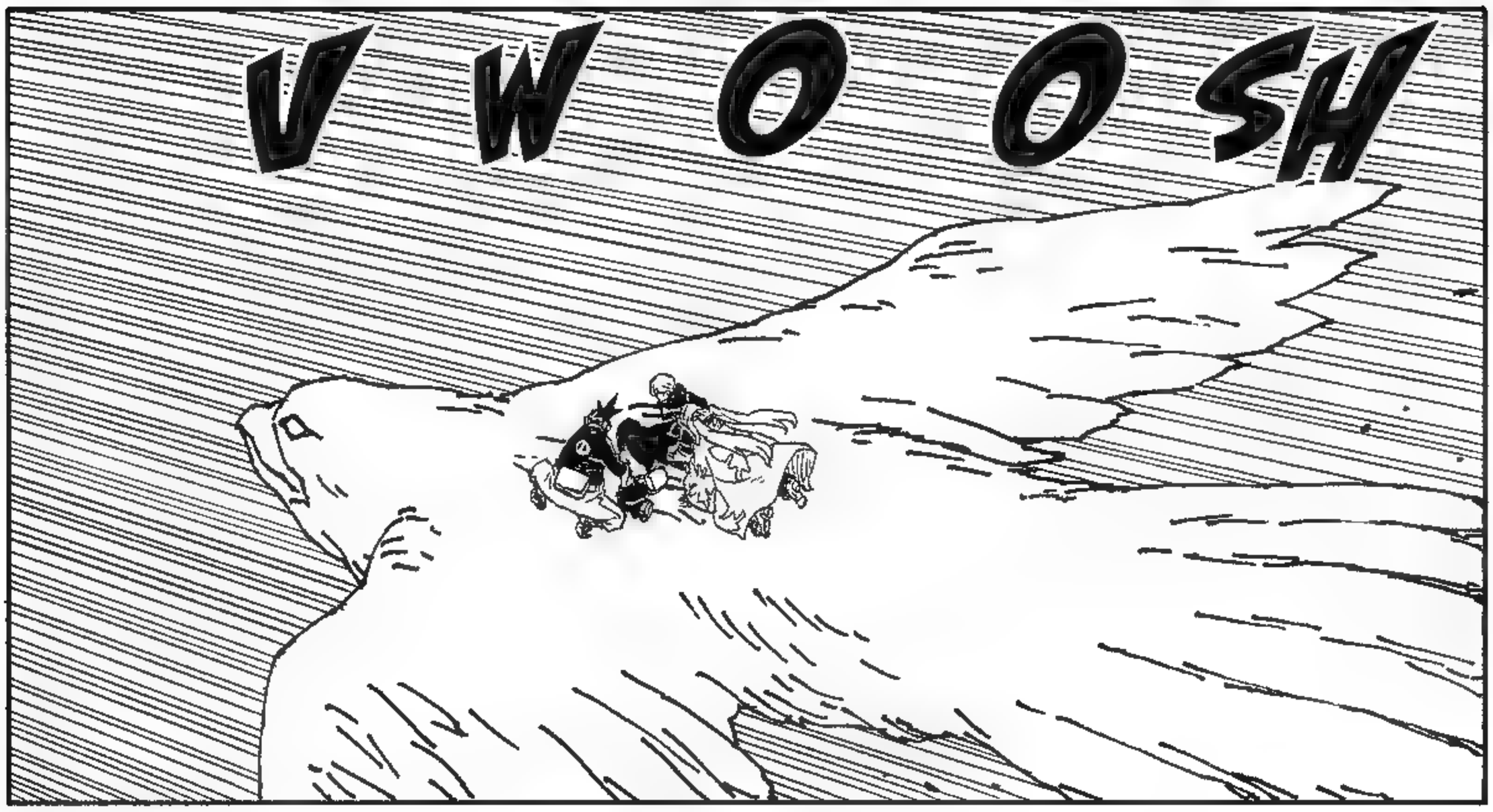
YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YOU'RE NINE TAILS, RIGHT?

...

FLAP

10: Kernel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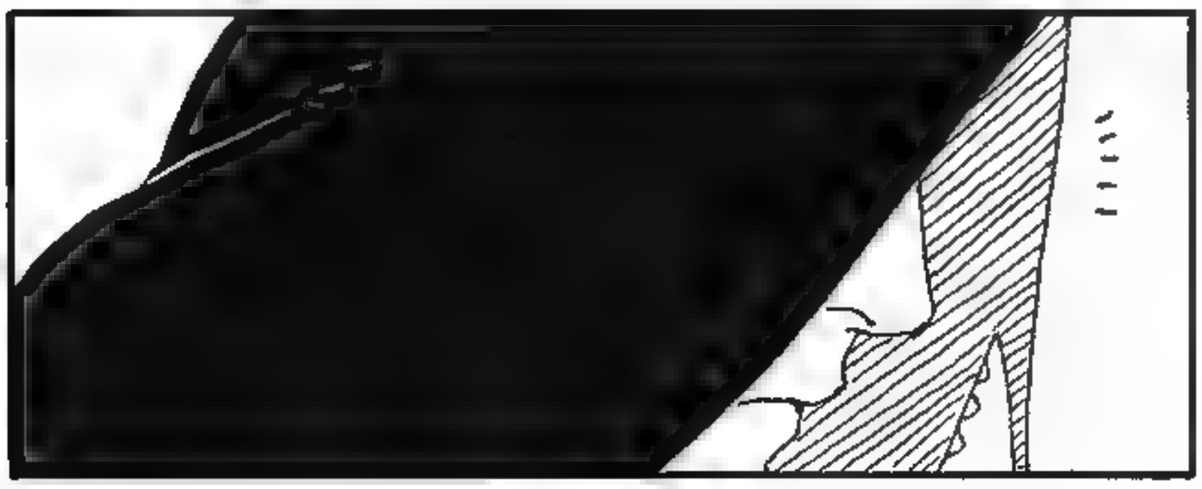


FOUND 'EM!
OVER HERE!!

PERHAPS THEY'RE CHANGING THE FIELD OF BATTLE TO REDUCE HARM TO THEIR VILLAGE.
THEY MUST KNOW THAT THEY CAN'T OUTRUN US.

RELAX, TEAM TEN'S OKAY FOR NOW.

...IN ORDER TO LEAD THE TRESPASSERS AWAY.

THEY'VE TAKEN HIMAWARI AND ARE TRAVELING SOUTHWEST...

TMP

KONOHA-MARU HERE.

CONFIRMING TWO TRESPASSERS!

BUT NO SIGN OF TEAM TEN!

HIMAWARI ?

...

IT'S UNCLEAR WHY, BUT THE DUO'S TARGET IS HIMAWARI.

...

HUFF

HUFF

THE SENSORY UNIT WILL SHARE THEIR LOCATION.

ALL HANDS, SUPPORT TEAM TEN.

HEY, LORD EIGHTH.

IF HIMAWARI'S IN DANGER...

...YOU SHOULD HAVE LED WITH THAT, BASTARD!

FORGET BORUTO AND HEAD TO THE SCENE.

LISTEN CLOSELY, KAWAKI.

WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. LET HIM STAY FREE.

IT SEEMS BORUTO CONSIDERS THE TRES-PASSERS ENEMIES TOO.

KAWAKI, YOU JERK!

DON'T YOU DARE LEAVE ME BEHIND!!

TAK

TA

K

!

OH!

NO WORRIES.

A MINOR ISSUE.

I JUST NEED A LITTLE BREAK.

BORUTO.

YOU OKAY?

WHAT HAP-PENED?

SWOO

HEH HEH... ASK THEM YOUR-SELF.

I SHALL GO AFTER HIMAWARI.

USING THAT EXACT TONE.

...DO THEY INTERFERE WITH US?

JURA.

WHY IN THE WORLD...

HEY, HE'S ESCAPING!

TO THE SOUTHWEST. TOWARDS HIMAWARI, AS SUS-PECTED.

LET'S GO!

SSSH

!

TK

WHY ARE YOU AFTER HIMAWARI ?!

...

YOU'RE BLOCKING OUR WAY.

HUH?

YOU'RE ALL SO NOISY.

WHAT BUSINESS ?!

YOU CLEARLY DON'T KNOW YOUR PLACE, INTRUDER!

WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH US?

...BUT I DON'T SEE HIM.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

SEN-SORY UNIT!

I WAS TOLD THAT ONE OF THE TWO TRESPASSERS WAS UCHIHA SASUKE...

WAIT A SEC!

ANSWER MY QUESTION.

ARE YOU DEAF?

OR FEEBLE-MINDED?

?!

WHAT THE...

THERE'S NO MISTAKE!

?

HIS CHAKRA DATA IS AN EXACT MATCH TO THAT OF UCHIHA SASUKE!

THE ONE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!

MASTER KONOHA-MARU!

ARE YOU ALL OKAY?!

SARADA!

...SARADA.

UCHIHA...

...

?!

WWP

DKOOSH

SHK

BZZ PAFF

TAK

SARADA
!!

CHIDORI!!!

ZSH

GUH!

SARADA
!!

YOU
OKAY?!

THAT...

...JUTSU HE ATTACKED WITH...

...

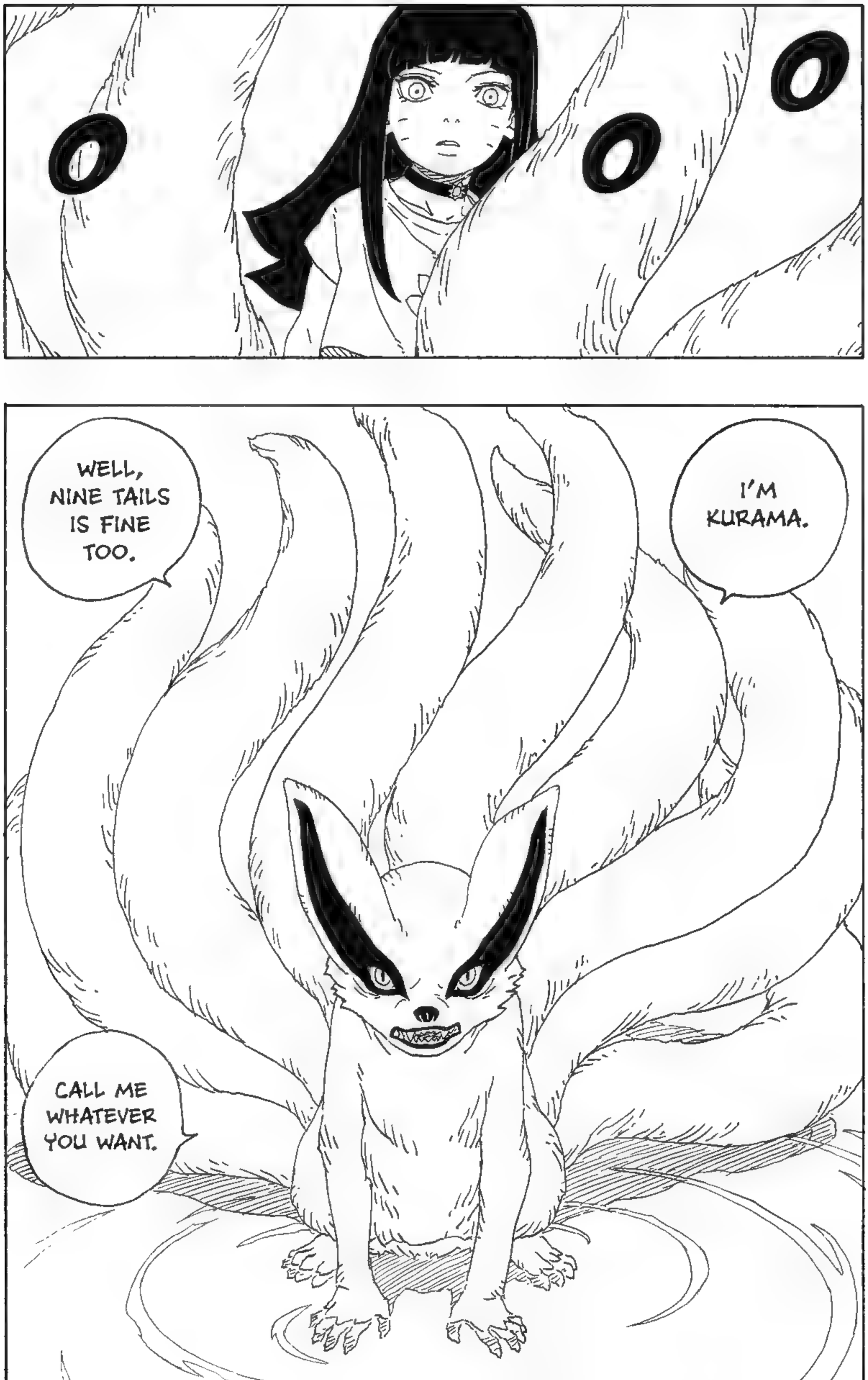
...

THAT WAS A CHIDORI ...

WHO...

...ARE YOU?!

JUST LIKE MINE AND DAD'S...


WELL, NINE TAILS IS FINE TOO.
I'M KURAMA.
CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT.

YOU...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

YOU'RE THE BIJU THAT USED TO BE INSIDE MY DAD, RIGHT?

...

KURAMA...

...WHERE *ARE* WE?

ACTUALLY...

MIND TO MIND?

...

NOWHERE REAL.

OF COURSE.

CUZ YOU AND I...

...ARE A SINGLE BODY AND SOUL.

WE ARE CURRENTLY EXCHANGING WORDS MIND TO MIND.

WHAT YOU SEE IS YOUR CONSCIOUS MADE VISIBLE.

IT'S NO USE. SHE'S OUT COLD!

DID SHE HIT HER HEAD AT SOME POINT?!

WOOO

HIMA-WARI!!

HEY!!

HIMA-WARI!!

SHIKA-DAI!

SENSORY UNIT!! WE NEED THAT BACKUP, *NOW*!!

BUT IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE...

...MY FLAME OF LIFE WAS EXTIN-GUISHED.

AS YOU JUST SAID...

...MY PREVIOUS SELF COEXISTED INSIDE YOUR FATHER, UZUMAKI NARUTO.

...IS GOING ON?

WHAT EXACTLY...

WHY IS THIS HAPPEN-ING?

...A KERNEL OF US WILL SPROUT SOME-WHERE...

...AND WE WILL MANAGE TO RETURN TO LIFE.

HOWEVER, DEATH IS NOT ETERNAL FOR US BIJU.

EVEN IF OUR FLESH OR SOUL PERISHES, OVER TIME...

...THAT IT WOULD BE INSIDE HIS DAUGHTER...

...AND THIS SOON...

...OR WHERE IT MIGHT SPROUT.

NO ONE KNOWS...

...HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE...

MUCH LESS...

...

KERNEL?

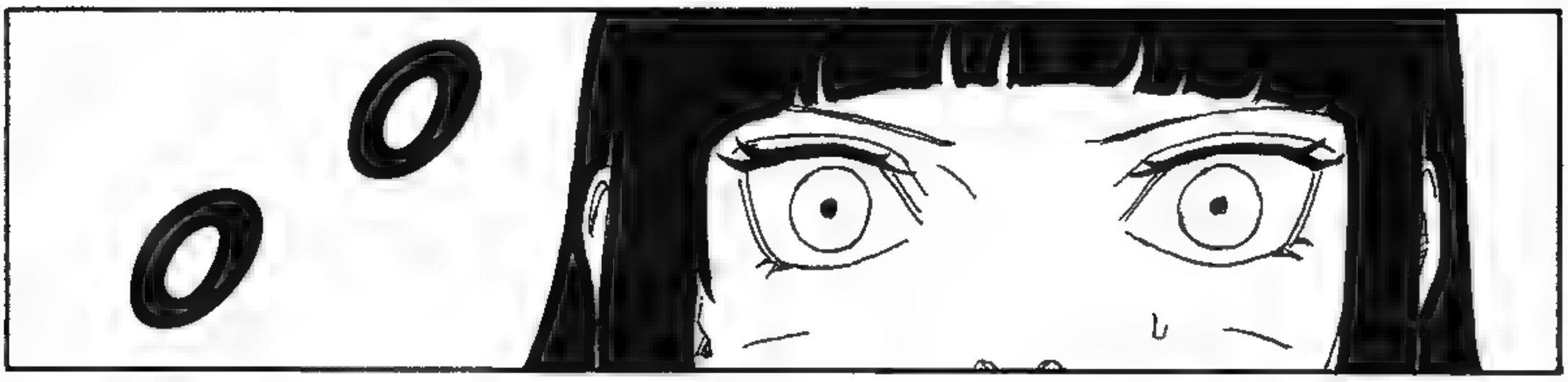
...OR...

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN BORN INHERITING A SLIVER OF MY CHAKRA...

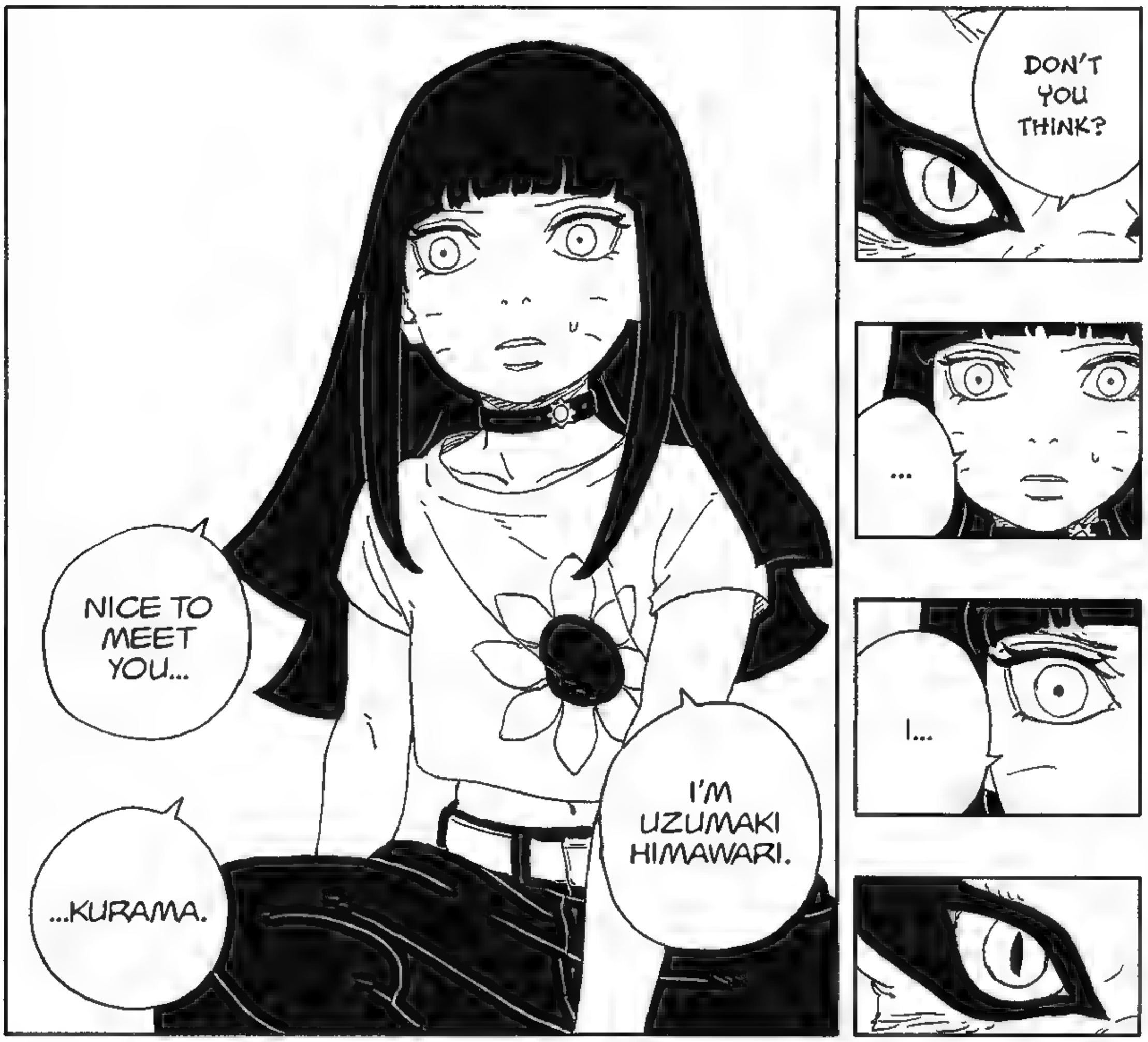
...THAT FLOWS WITHIN YOU.

...THIS WAS YOUR DESTINY, BROUGHT INTO BEING BY THE UZUMAKI AND HYUGA BLOOD...

THE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF MYSTERIES.



...IS ACCEPTING THE CIRCUM-STANCES AND MOVING FORWARD.
WHAT'S MOST IMPOR-TANT...
...THE HOW DOESN'T MATTER.
WELL, SINCE IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED...


NICE TO MEET YOU...
I'M UZUMAKI HIMAWARI.
...KURAMA.
DON'T YOU THINK?
...
I...

...HIMAWARI.

ATTA GIRL...

WOOOO

HE'S CATCHING UP!!

FASTER, INOJIN!!

WE'RE AT FULL THROTTLE ALREADY!!

KURAMA !!

DO SOME-THING!!!

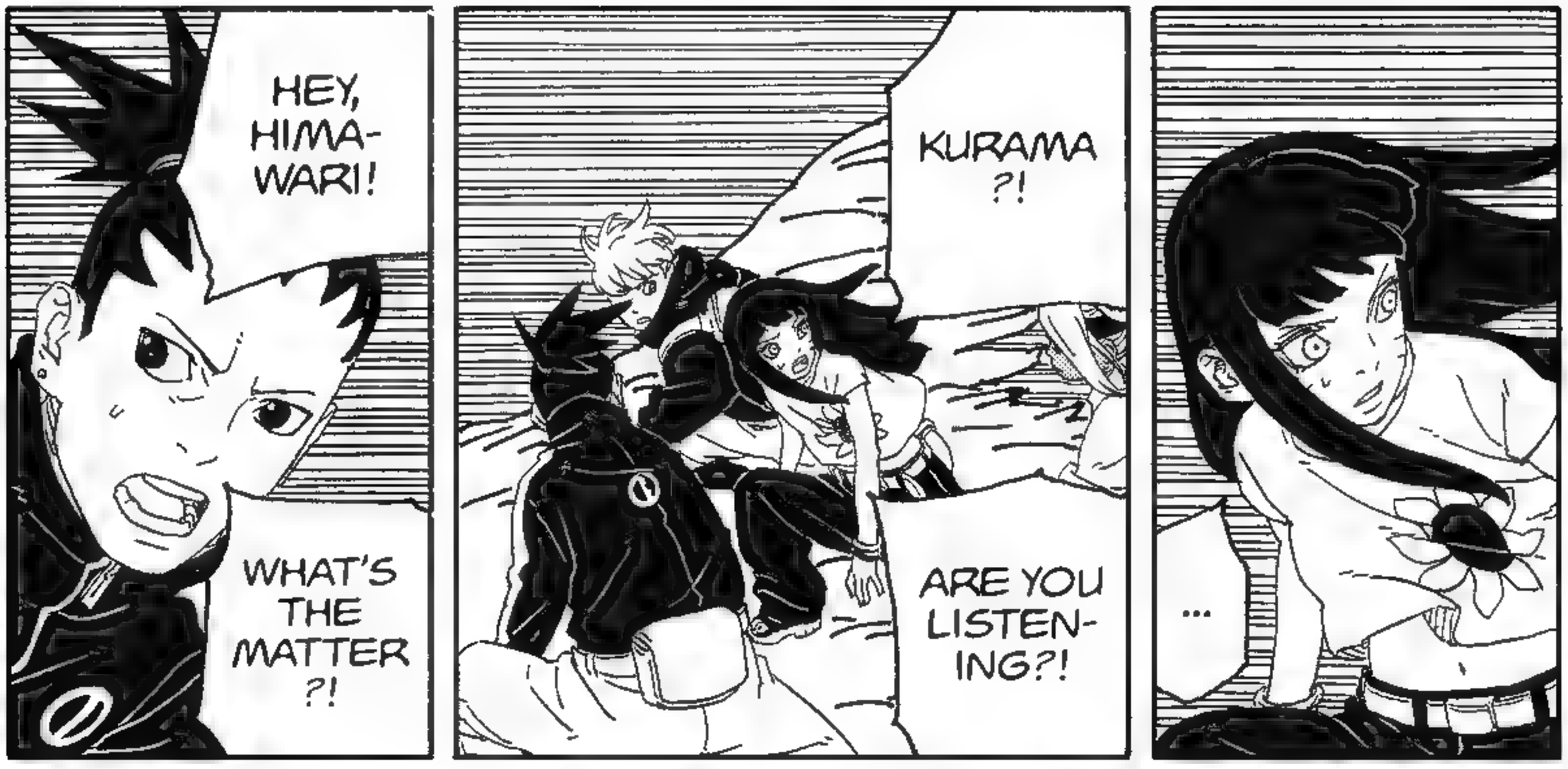
!

!

YOU'RE BACK WITH US!

PHEW!

HIMA!


HEY, HIMAWARI!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
KURAMA?!
ARE YOU LISTENING?!
...

BLINK

SKWEEE

FOR REAL?! DAMMIT !!

BOOF

WHOOSH

WE'RE GOING DOWN!!!

SHOOT !!

EVERYONE!! GRAB ON TO ME!!
PU
FF
WHO

WHO-WHO

WHO

WHEW!

YOU'RE A LIFESAVER, CHO-CHO!

ZSSH

...

BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

AGAIN, YOU'RE A GOOD TEAM.

A TRUE SHAME TO HAVE TO DISPOSE OF YOU.

YOU YOUR-SELVES CHOSE THIS FATE.

WAFT

!

...IS YOU.

THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS...

KURA--

DON'T BE A SPOILED BABY, HIMAWARI.

IT SHOULD BE A NO-BRAINER.

...MY POWERS, IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.

WHETHER YOU USE OR QUASH...

TK

...THAN ANY OTHER OF YOUR PREDE-CESSORS'.

MORE THAN EVEN NARUTO'S.

I CAN SENSE...

...THAT YOUR CHAKRA HAS A HIGHER AFFINITY TO MINE...

...LIKE IT'S EASY, BUT...

YOU SAY THAT...

...HOW AM I SUP-POSED TO...

FIRST OFF, YOU NEED TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. OTHERWISE...

SO GET RID OF ANY FOOLISH, PRECONCEIVED BIASES.

...YOUR FUTURE DOESN'T LOOK BRIGHT, EITHER WAY.

TAK

WHERE'S OUR BACKUP?!

DAMMIT !

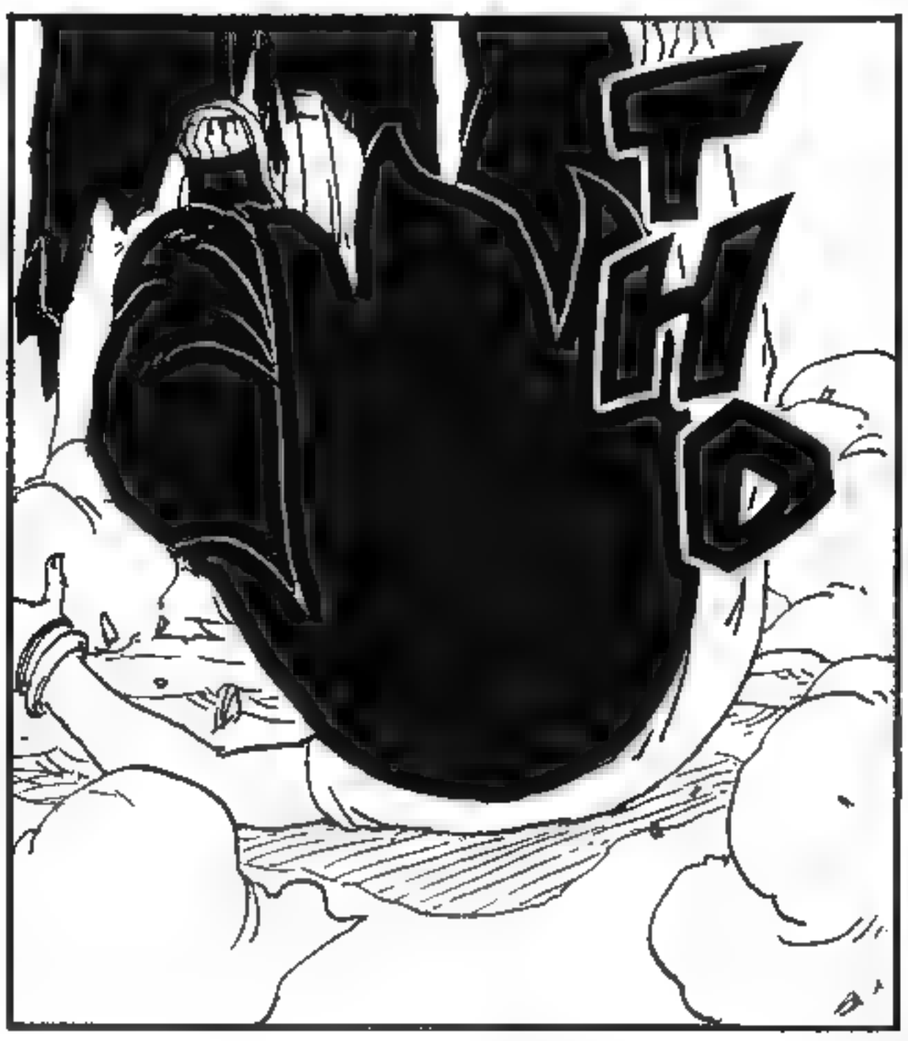
KRB

HIMA ?!

RAA !!

KRAK

HIMA-
WARI!!


HI

IT'S NO GOOD!!

THERE'S NO WAY... I CAN...

AH...!!!

UNH !!!

ZWAP

YOU BASTARD !!!

!!

SPLAT

GAH ...

2WWW

PLIK

UNH!

PLIK

AND YOU'LL EVENTUALLY STOP FEELING ANYTHING.

INCLUDING THAT FRACTURED LEG OF YOURS.

PLIKK

WE CALL IT *DEVOUR*, BUT...

...YOU SIMPLY BECOME NOURISHMENT FOR ME INSIDE THIS TREE.

IT ISN'T PAINFUL.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID.

YOU--!!

INOJIN, DON'T!!

TAK

GIMME A BREAK!!

SLAM

I CONCUR.

I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WON'T STOP.

PLEASE STOP!!!

LEAVE THEM OUT OF IT!!

ZSH

WAH!

UGH...

...
HER...

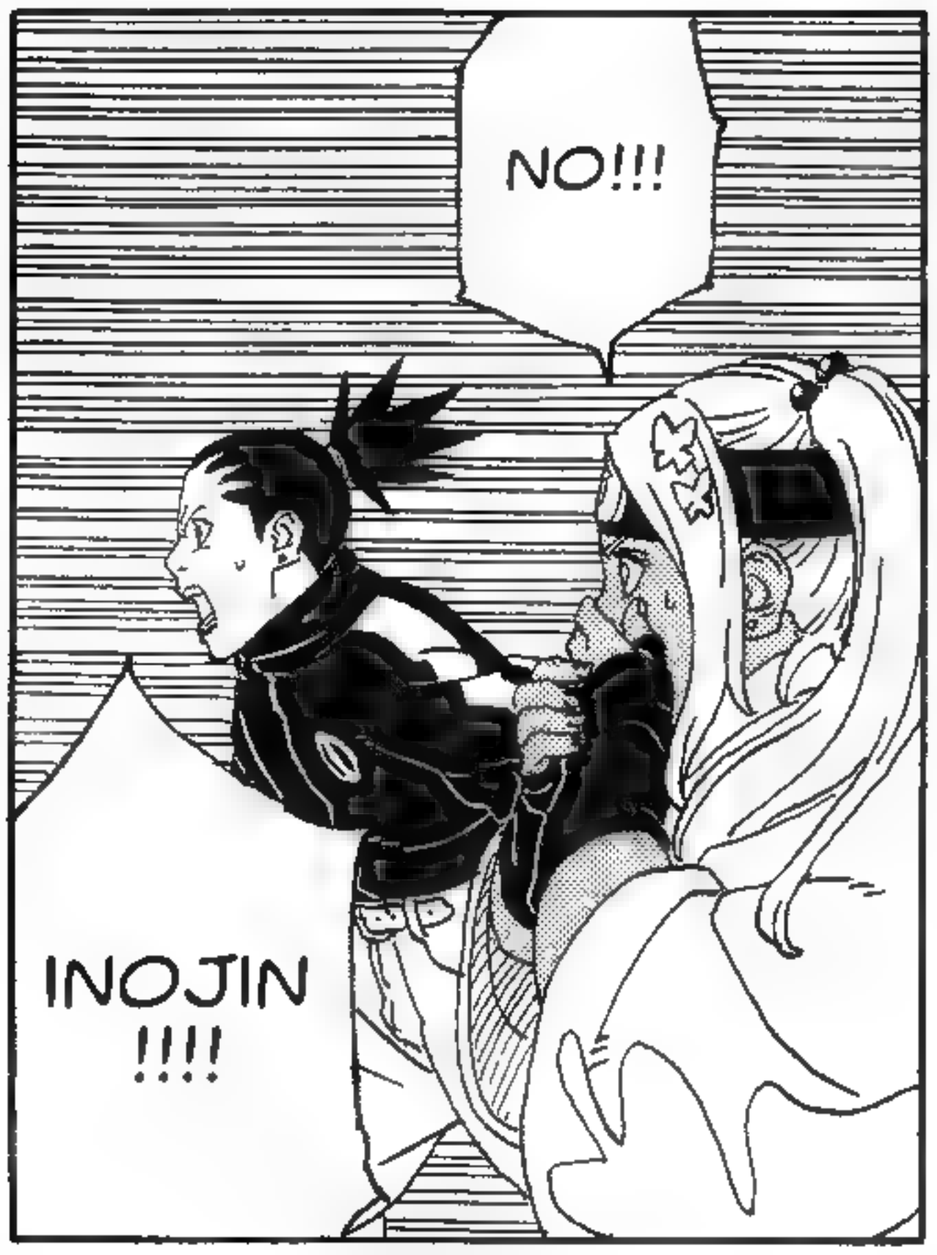
...GO
OF...

LET...

QUIVV

BB

GOFF

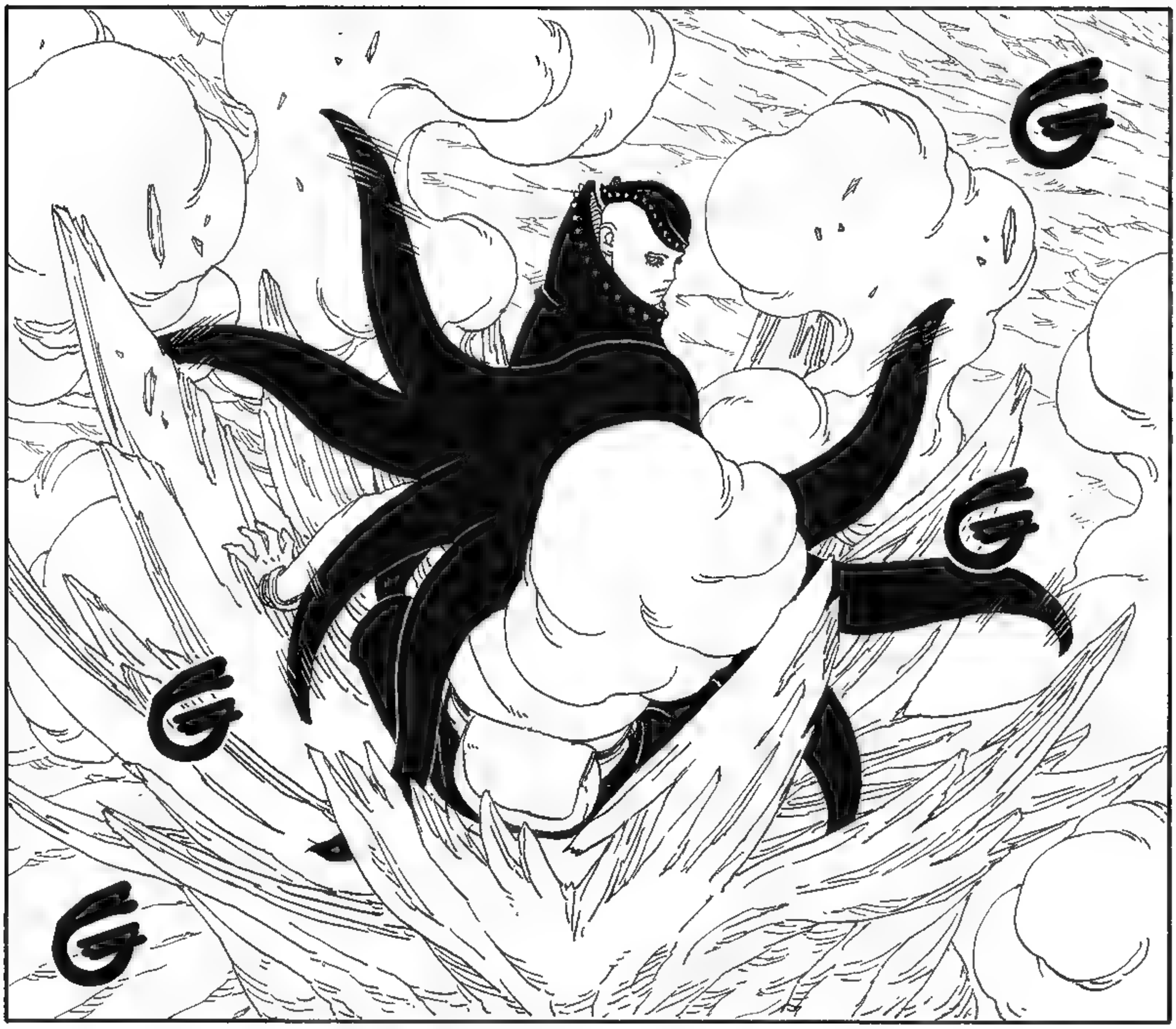

NO!!!
INOJIN !!!!

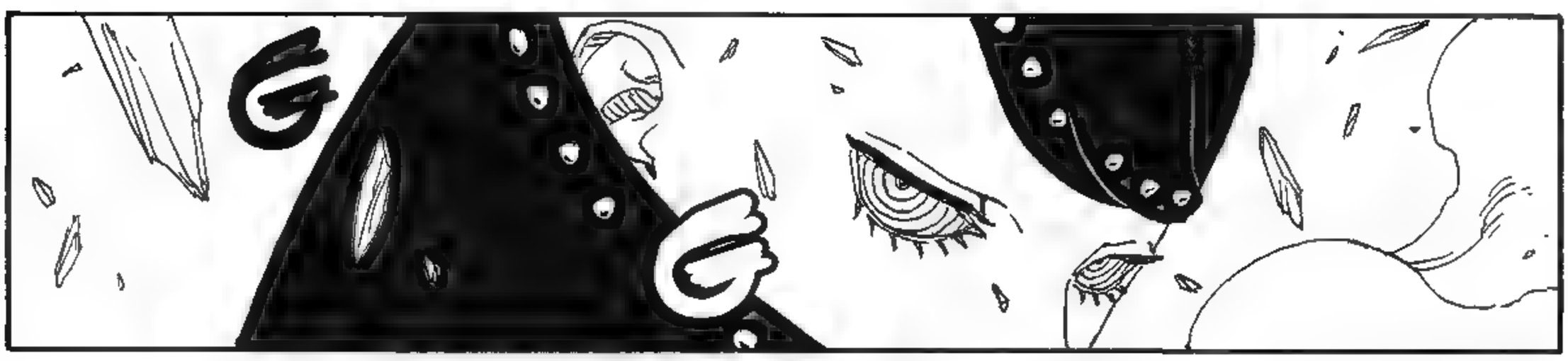
HOLD ON...
...THAT THING...
I THINK I READ ABOUT THIS SOMEWHERE.
...KNOWN AS AESTHETICS?
COULD THIS BE...

PLIKK
PLIK

BOOF

?!





I SAID...

...TO STOP IT!!

?!

HIMA-
WARI...?!

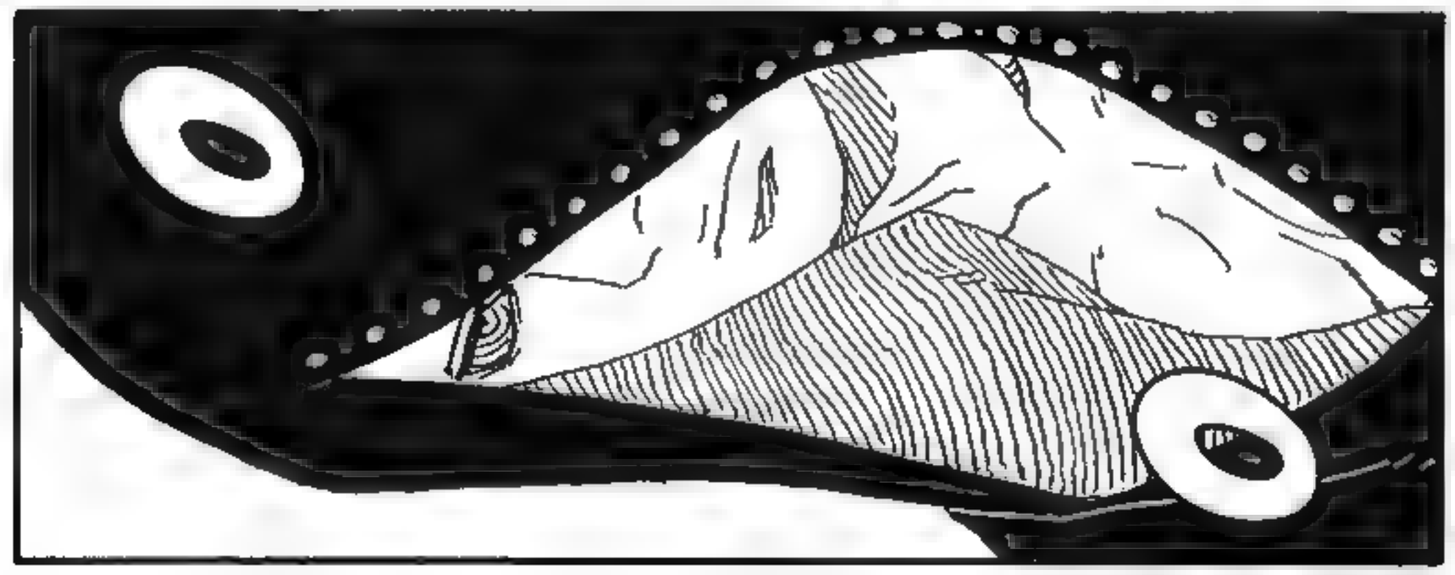
...
WHAT IS THIS SUDDEN SHIFT?
HM?

HEH HEH... YOU'VE TOTALLY SNAPPED.

...HIMA-
WARI?!!

...SHALL WE RUN AMOK SOME...

WELL THEN...



11: True Power

I'M SURE THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO NINE TAILS'S CHAKRA...

...BUT WHAT IS THIS?

HIMA-WARI!

TMP

ZUP

I THOUGHT THAT LEG WAS BROKEN...

IT'S HEALED?!

!

...

SSSH

GWW

!!

HEY!

DASH

BE CAREFUL ...

WWW

GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL QUICKLY.

I'M NOT SURE IT'S FIXED PROPERLY.

HIS WOUND...

IT'S CLOSED?!

...IS THIS POWER YOU'VE GOT?

WHAT THE HECK ...

HEY...

...

G-

I'M GONNA TAKE HIM DOWN.

G-

G-

OTHER-WISE...

...IT'S THE END FOR ALL OF US!

HIMA... CON-FIRM...?

WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NIN'?

BUT IT MUST BE WHAT HE'S INTER-ESTED IN.

I'M NOT SURE EITHER.

AND I'M GOING TO CONFIRM IT NOW.

G-

G-

BUT...

CHO-CHO.

...YOU SHOULD BE SAFE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TRY TO INTER-FERE.

HURRY!

YOU GUYS GET AWAY NOW.

CONSIDER-ING THAT HE'S ONLY AFTER ME...

I SHALL REMEM-BER YOUR NAME.

A WISE DECISION, NARA SHIKADAI.

LET'S MEET AGAIN SOME DAY.

ESPECIALLY WITH INOJIN IN TOW!

LET'S GO. WE'LL JUST BE IN THE WAY.

SO WE GOTTA MINIMIZE OUR LOSSES!

THAT'S WHAT HIMAWARI IS SAYING.

CALM DOWN AND THINK ABOUT IT!

THIS IS A BATTLE WE HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF WINNING.

SHIKA-DAI!

NO WAY...

...

I'M NOT COMFORT-ABLE WITH IT EITHER...

...BUT...

I CANNOT ACCEPT YOU...

...FIGHT-ING HIM ALONE!!

CUZ I FEEL THAT THAT'S...

...WHAT DAD AND BIG BRO WOULD DO TOO.

...IF I HAVE THIS POWER...

...I WANNA CARRY OUT THE RESPON-SIBILITY...

...

...THAT COMES WITH IT.

CHO-
CHO,
C'MON!

I LOVE
PANCAKES
...

I HAVEN'T
FORGOT-
TEN.

...TO
THAT
NEW
PANCAKE
HOUSE
WHEN IT
OPENS!

WELL, YOU
PROMISED
WE'D GO
TOGETHER
...

NUP

I KNOW THAT
YOU'RE NOT
COMPLETE
IDIOTS.

...WHAT IT
IS THAT
DRASTICALLY
LOWERS YOUR
JUDGMENT
ABILITY AGAIN
AND AGAIN.

WHICH IS
WHY IT'S
INCOM-
PREHEN-
SIBLE...

ZUP

ZUP

...MY REPEATED WARNINGS AND ENGAGING IN EXCEEDINGLY RECKLESS BEHAVIOR THAT CLEARLY LACKED RATIONALITY.

YAMANAKA INOJIN ESSENTIALLY BROUGHT ABOUT HIS OWN DE-STRUCTION BY FOOLISHLY NOT HEED-ING...

...IT SEEMS THAT ***SOMETHING*** HAS CAUGHT FIRE IN YOU.

BUT WHILE I DO NOT UNDER-STAND IT...

...OR IS THERE SOME CORRELA-TION?

IS IT JUST COINCI-DENCE...

SHUT UP.
DUNK

BAM

GRAK GRAK

V W

ZSH ZSH ZSH ZSH ZSH

THUD

SHOSH

BOOM

WHOOP

SQUUU

ZWEI

WHOA
CRASH

HIMA-
WARI!

G- G- G- G- G-

G- G- G- G- G-

NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE THE POWER...

...BUT YOU CAN ALSO CONTROL A BIJU BOMB?

IMP

NOW THIS IS A SURPRISE.

SSSSS

...I'M EXTREMELY CURIOUS ABOUT HOW YOU MANAGED TO UNDERGO SUCH RAPID ADVANCE-MENT.

EVEN GIVEN NINE TAILS'S POWER AS A PREREQ-UISITE...

BUT EVEN MORE SO...

WHAM

UGH
!!

ZSH

DKLAM

SLAM

TP

THIS IS A FIRST.

SLAM

GOFF!

...!

HUFF

HUFF

YOU'VE MADE ME WANT TO TEST...

I'VE DECIDED TO RELEASE JUST A LITTLE BIT.

...MY TRUE POWER.

THAT'S A FATAL WOUND. YOU MUST BE IN PAIN.

IF YOU ANSWER TRUTHFULLY, I'LL EASE YOUR SUF-FERING.

WHO ARE YOU?

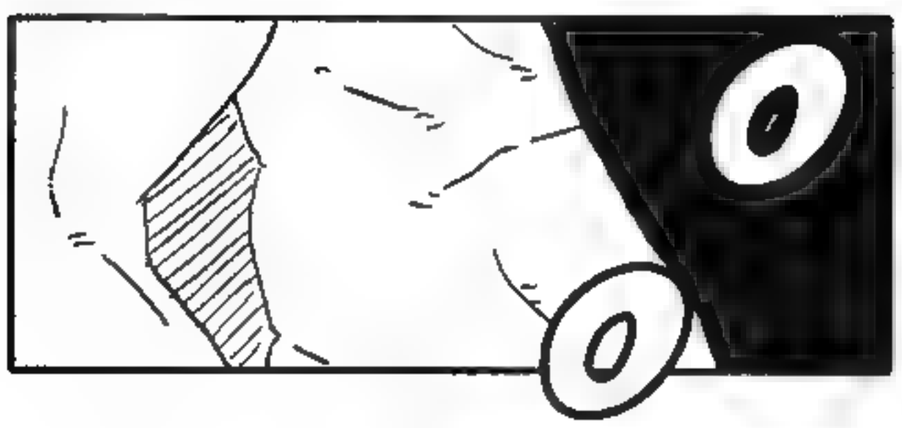
WHY CAN YOU USE THE CHIDORI?

BSHHHH

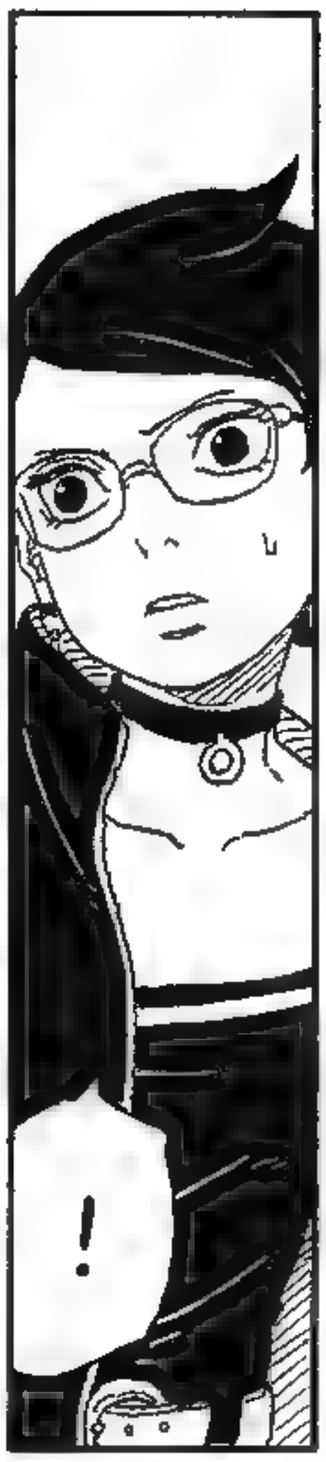
ZWW

ZWG

?!
RP



JURA TOLD ME ABOUT THEM.
YOU...
THOSE EYES OF YOURS.
THEY'RE SHARINGAN, AREN'T THEY?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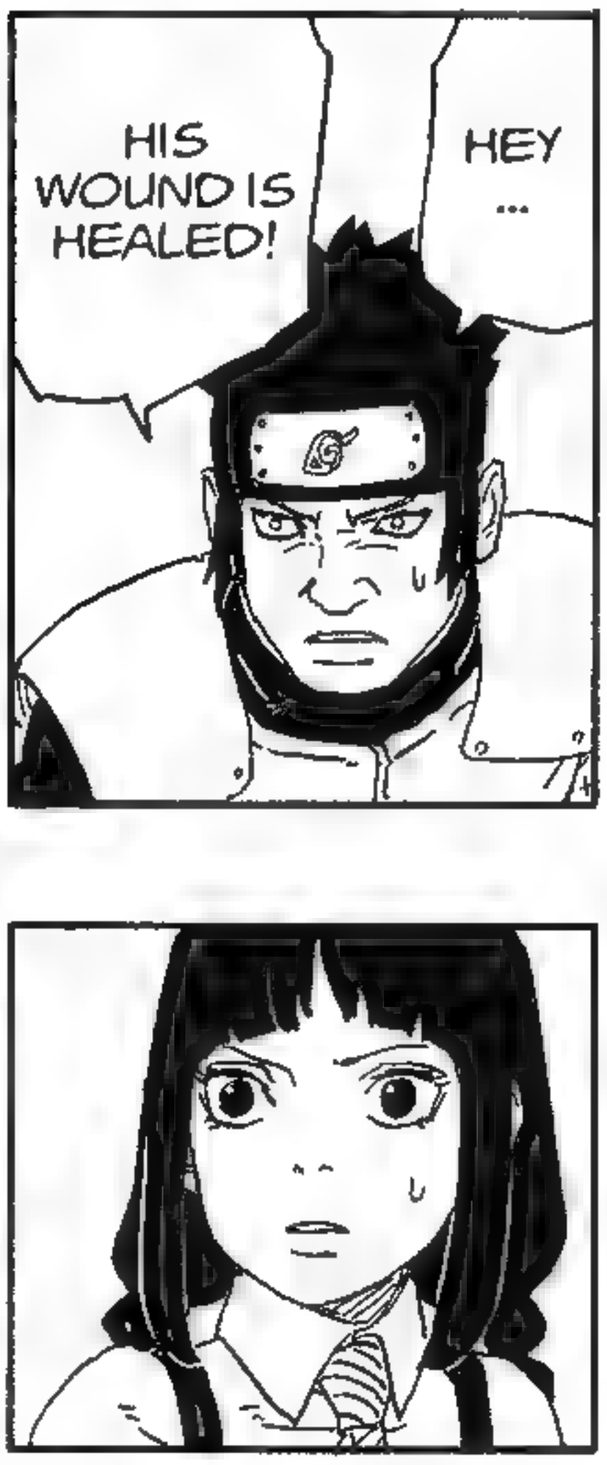

HIS WOUND IS HEALED!
HEY ...

I WONDERED WHY IT WAS SO HARD TO CONTROL...

...BUT IT SEEMS THAT EYES LIKE YOURS ARE NEEDED TO MASTER IT...

CHIDORI... IS THAT WHAT...

...THE ATTACK I USED IS CALLED?

...

JURA?

...WITH THIS GUY?

WHAT IS UP...

...

...TO UCHIHA SASUKE?

WHAT IS YOUR CONNEC-TION...

HE NEVER ANSWERED YOUR QUESTIONS.

WHO?

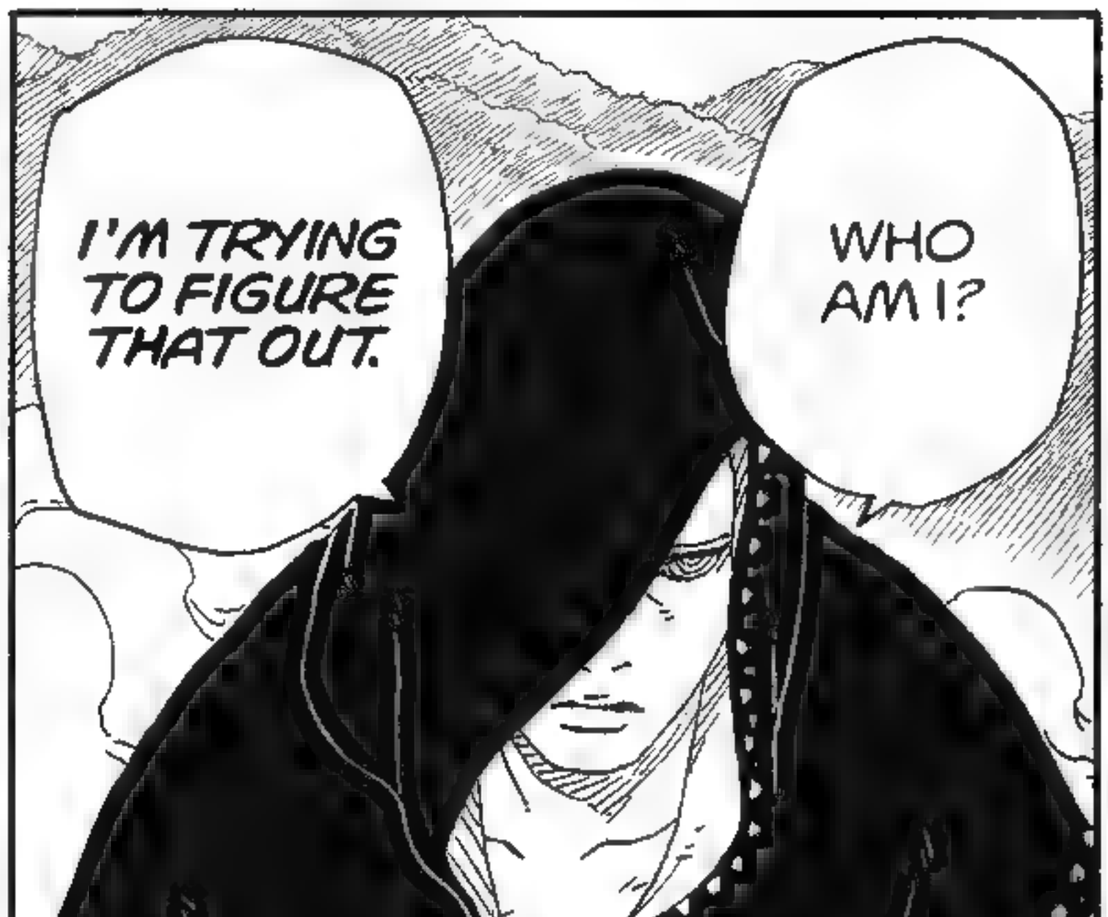
YOU KEEP THROWING RIDICULOUS QUESTIONS AT ME.

I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS.

!

OR RATHER ...

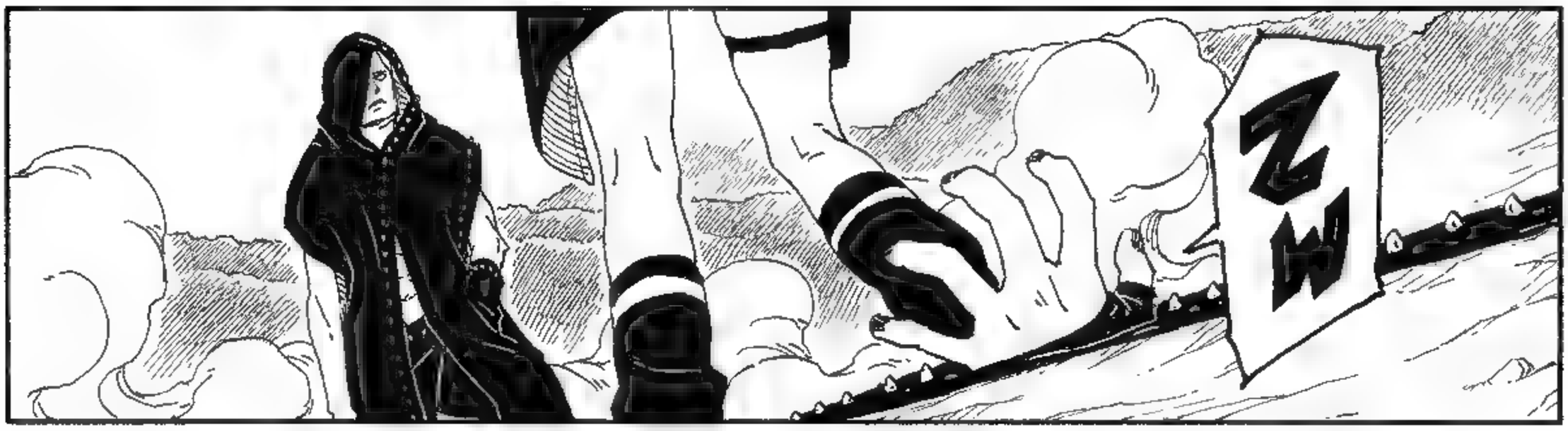
WHO ARE YOU?


I'M TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT.
WHO AM I?
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO KONOHA.

PROTECT SARADA!!
MASTER KONOHA-MARU!

HIS TARGET IS SARADA!
NO, I KNOW IT!
I THINK--

WHAT?


ZW

AARGH !!
SARADA !!!
BASTARD !!

PFF

FWP-WP

EARTH STYLE...

BOOF

DAMMIT !!!

SARADA !!

NNH ...

WAA-AAH!!

SHUUU

RASENGAN!!

BO

BENNN

RASEN BARRICADE !!!

UWOO

WIND STYLE...

BZZZ

GGH !!

SLAM

THD.

THD.

THD.

ZSH

SARADA !!

SARADA, HANG IN THERE!!

ULP!

KRAK

AHH!!

WHAP

CAN'T MOVE...

...MY BODY...

KRAKL

WHAP

BOOM

SKHEE

WBBL

NNH
...

PSHH

!

AHH ...

WHD

NNH ...

UGH !!

HUFF

FAR BEYOND HUMAN OR JINCHURIKI-LEVEL...

HMM... WHAT ASTOUNDING HEALING POWER...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HEAL YOUR INJURIES...

YOU ARE GETTING QUITE WEAK. IT'S NATURAL.

...YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE CORRE-SPONDING CHAKRA EXPENDI-TURE.

SOMETHING ALMOST LIKE WHAT WE BIJU POSSESS.

HUFF

HUFF

I HATE TO SAY IT...

...BUT WE'RE TOTALLY OUT-MATCHED.

GAH.

DEFINITELY NOT SOMEONE YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT SOLELY WITH HIGH POTENTIAL.

HE'S A BIGGER MONSTER THAN I EXPECTED.

FWSH-WSH

I'LL DO WHAT-EVER I CAN.

CUZ I CAN'T NOT GO.

THIS GUY JUST BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOU.

HEY, COULDJA LISTEN WITHOUT GETTING MAD?

WHOOOOSH

THAT'S MY POINT. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF GOING THERE?

?!

KHOOOOSH

!

WOOSH

WOOSH

BORUTO
!!!

WHIP

FSH

I HAVE NO IDEA...

GWH

...WHO I AM.

...THE ONE THING I DID KNOW ABOUT, FROM THE GET-GO, IS YOU...

GR-B

BUT SOME-HOW...

GWWW

GWW

WHAT WILL I GAIN...

...IF I DEVOUR YOU?

GWW

...UCHIHA SARADA.

WHO ARE *YOU*?

SO I ASK YOU...

IN POSITION! UCHIHA SARADA'S LOCATION IS CONFIRMED!

THE SYMBOL IS *SQUARE*!

FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU!

FSH

WRSCH

...BORUTO!

OHTSU-TSUKI...

HMPH.

YOU CRAFTY THING...

12: Thorn Soul Bulb

BORUTO
!

!

MASTER KONOHA-MARU!

...

PLEASE KEEP HIMAWARI SAFE.

SHF

WOOSH

GRRR

KLTR

FWP. WP

WIND STYLE, BREAK-THROUGH!

CHNG

DEW

WHP

FWPWP

WHOOSH

WOOO

SHNK

GOTTA BE THAT SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU. I BET HE'S NOW...

BORUTO'S AURA CHANGED LOCATIONS IN A FLASH...

...WHERE TEAM TEN FIRST RAN INTO THE ENEMY.

TEAM TEN IS WOUNDED BUT HEADING TOWARD THE NEW DISTRICT.

BORUTO IS THERE AS WELL!

IT SEEMS HIMAWARI HAS MET UP WITH KONOHA-MARU AND SARADA.

NO SIGN OF HIMAWARI OR TEAM TEN...

SENSORY UNIT, DO YOU COPY?

ARE THEY ALL SAFE?

YOU HEAR THAT?

WHAT NEXT?

THAT BASTARD...

WHAT THE HECK'S HE UP TO...

...JUST STANDING THERE?

DIDN'T YOU SEE?! IF BORUTO HADN'T SHOWN UP, I'D BE DEAD...

...OR WORSE!

STOP IT, MASTER KONOHA-MARU!

SHOWING UP HERE LIKE NOTHING'S CHANGED ?!

WHAT'RE YOU PLOTTING, BORUTO?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND YOUR POSITION?

...

WHO KNOWS WHERE HE COULD POP UP?

WATCH OUT. THE ENEMY CAN FREELY MANIPULATE CLAW MARKS JUST LIKE CODE.

WHAT THE?

YOU'RE A TRAITOR! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO...

COULD YOU KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE CLAW MARKS?

CALL OUT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MOVE-MENT OF CHAKRA.

HEY, YOU'RE SENSORY UNIT?

YEAH.

LOOKS LIKE IT.

...

...HE COMPLETELY IGNORED MASTER KONOHA-MARU...

...AND WENT FOR SARADA INSTEAD, THE MOMENT HE SAW HER!

THIS FOE IS CLEARLY AFTER SARADA! JUST NOW...

BORUTO!

THEY'RE *RELATED*, AREN'T THEY?

TO DAD BECOMING A TREE?

PLUS, THOSE MOVES OF HIS...

HE SAID...

...HE WAS GONNA DEVOUR ME.

...REFERRING TO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MOEGI?

WAIT A SEC.

BY TREE, ARE YOU...

...

BECOM-ING A TREE?

JUST FOCUS ON TAKING HIM DOWN.

...TO SAVE MAS— OLD MAN SASUKE.

IN ORDER ...

BUT DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THAT.

OR HOLD BACK AT ALL.

THIS GUY CAME INTO BEING USING OLD MAN SASUKE'S CHAKRA AS A SOURCE.

AND HOW'D YOU COME BY...

...ALL THIS INFO, BORUTO?

...

WHAT IS GOING ON?!

!

!

I SENSE CHAKRA MOVING...

...IN THE CLAW MARKS!

HEY!

I SAID TO FOCUS, MASTER KONOHA-MARU.

OR YOU'LL DIE.

!

2W

I-I...

...CAN'T TELL!

IT'S EVERY-WHERE!

STAY CALM.

WHERE?

ZWOOO

SUMIRE, TO ME!

LET'S MOVE AWAY FROM THEM!

ROGER.

SARADA, I'LL CUT DOWN THEIR NUMBERS.

...YOU JUST FIGHT THE ONES THAT COME FOR YOU.

SINCE YOU'RE THE TARGET OF THAT HOODED GUY...

SO THAT'S THE DEAL?

TAK-TAK

FLASH

FWOP

TAK

WOOM

...YEAH !!!

OH...

GI
GI
GI
GI
GI
GI
PUK
PUK
GAH!

GAKK

P

GWOO

BLAZE

RASENGAN!!!

NNH !!

!

HE'S GONNA GO HEAL!

DAMMIT !

?!

CHOP

ZWGG

G- G- G-

SHK

ECH

ZWOP

ZWW

!

NOPE. I CAN'T.

I'M NOT GOING UP.

?!

I'LL DRAW HIM OUT ON THE GROUND.

BORUTO, ESCAPE UP INTO THE SKY!

HIT HIM WITH ANOTHER RASENGAN WHEN HE SHOWS...

ZWW

!

AT MAXIMUM OUTPUT.

I'M GONNA USE THE UZUHIKO.

ZWOOOO

I'LL KILL HIM WITH ONE BLOW.

I CALL IT A PLANET'S CHAKRA, BUT UZUHIKO...

THE ENERGY OF THE CEN-TRIFUGAL FORCE...

...IS A NEW RASENGAN THAT UTILIZES THAT ENERGY.

...ACCOM-PANYING A PLANET'S ROTATION AND ORBIT.

?

UZU-HIKO?

IT'S POSSI-BLE...

...CAN TAKE HIM DOWN WITHOUT LETTING HIM ESCAPE...

A SINGLE SHOT OF THIS JUTSU...

CUZ THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO LIMIT TO THE UZUHIKO'S POWER.

...IF I DON'T HOLD BACK.

...VIA THE CLAW MARKS?

...

AND IN ORDER TO KILL HIM WITH A SINGLE BLOW...

...I'LL NEED QUITE A LOT.

BUT I NEED TO TAKE IN THAT PLANETARY CHAKRA THROUGH BOTH FEET.

IT HAS TO BE DIRECTLY FROM THE EARTH. THAT'S WHY I CAN'T FLY UP INTO THE SKY.

...

SO BUY YOU TIME, EH?

GOT IT!

2 W

THUD

BGS

RASEN BARRIER!!

BGS

HEY.

SHF

I'LL DECIDE WHAT MY PRIORITY IS, THANKS!

...GET THAT JUTSU READY!

INSTEAD OF COM-PLAINING...

I THOUGHT I ASKED YOU TO GUARD HIMAWARI?

MASTER KONOHA-MARU!

SARADA
!!

FWP. WP.

BZZ

ARGH !!!

CHIDORI STREAM!!!

BORU-
TO!

NOT
YET?!

BORUTO

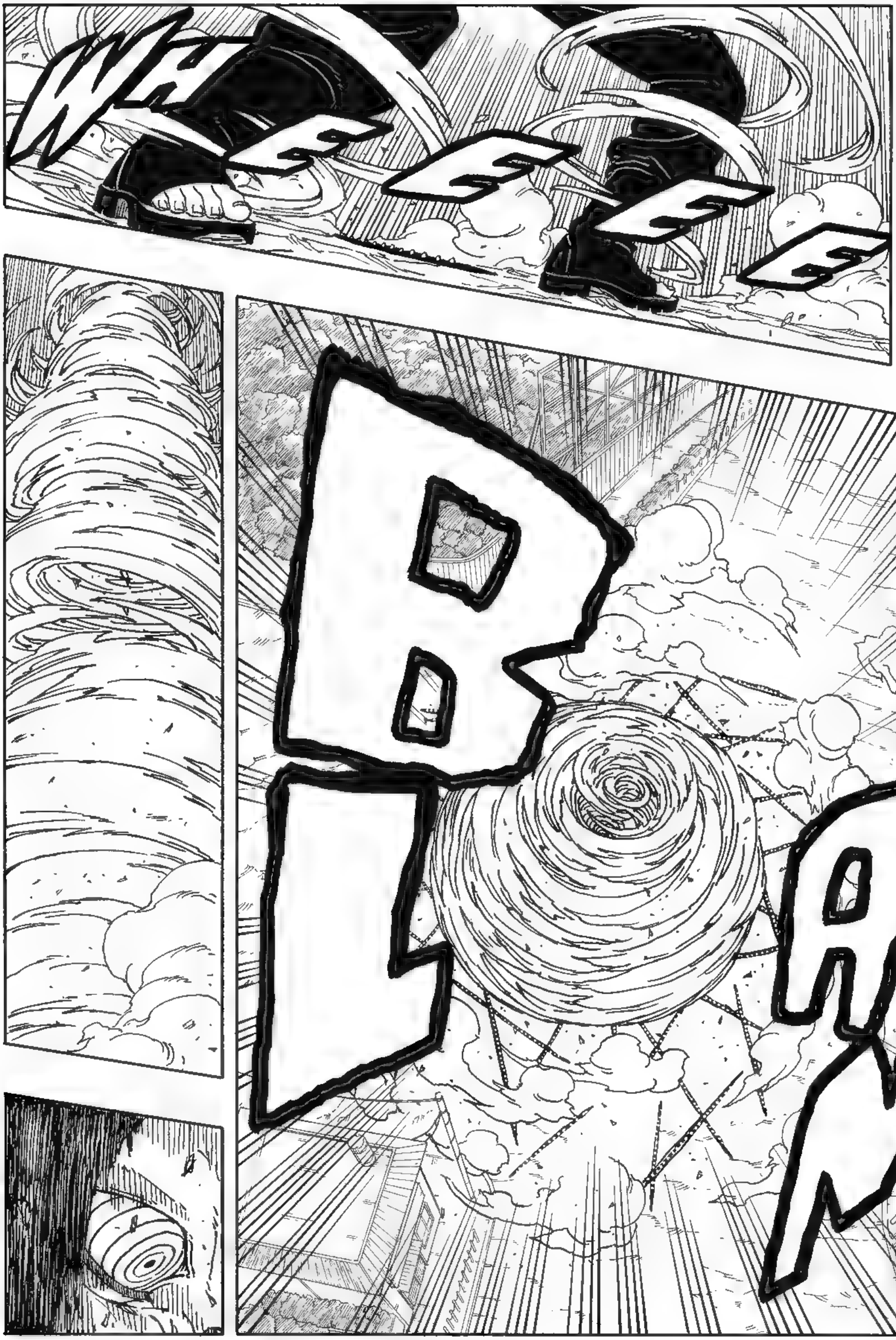
IT'S
NOW OR
NEVER!

...IT STILL
AIN'T
PERFECT,
BUT...

TO BE
HONEST...

...UZUHIKO!!

RASENGAN
...


WHEEEEEEE
AA

BE

BE

BE

YOU AIN'T GETTING AWAY!

WHOOSH

O

O

O

IT WAS JUST A BIT SHORT!

DAMMIT!

THUD

KYOOSH

?!

!

KAWAKI!

LEMME EASE YOUR SUFFERING.

HEY.

YOU LOOK TO BE IN PAIN.

RAM

KAWAKI!

...

NICE WORK!

?!

VOOSH

NSH

NSH

GRB

?!

...

!

WHAT THE...

...HECK IS THAT?

STARE

...

I'VE CONFIRMED IT. THERE'S NO MISTAKE.

IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT I SAW BEFORE.

IT'S A THORN SOUL BULB.

WELL?

YOU SURE THIS IS IT?

HOLD UP.

GRIP

GOOD.

WHAT IS THAT THING?

EXPLAIN.

?!

I WAS TOLD IT'S SOME-THING THAT WILL HELP SAVE MY MASTER...

...

YOU WERE TOLD? BY WHOM?

WHOSE INFO IS IT?

NOW LET GO OF ME, KAWAKI.

OR I'LL CUT OFF YOUR ARM.

...WHO WAS TURNED INTO A TREE.

GOFF

...

BORUTO
!!!

WHO

DELTA!

REPORT!

WHAT THE HECK ?!

HEY...

BORUTO !!

HMPH.

MISSED HIS VITALS.

SKWEE

VWOOO

FOR REAL?!

HE'S TAKING SHOTS FROM THIS DISTANCE?!

VWOOO

FP

HT

TAK

SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP SAVE MY MASTER...

UNH!!

WAFT

ARGH !!!

SARADA !!!

WHSH

!

DAMMIT ...

...

HEY!

IT'S FLYING OFF!

THAT BULB...

VWOOO

WHSH

VERY WELL.

KAWAKI ALONE SHOULD BE ENOUGH AS OHTSUTSUKI FODDER.

GRB

...

OHTSUTSUKI BORUTO, I'VE DECIDED...

...THAT YOU NEED TO DIE.

THAT HE EVEN KNOWS ABOUT THE THORN SOUL BULB ALREADY...

BORUTO.

HE'S A LOT MORE DANGEROUS THAN I'D ANTICIPATED.

ROAD TO TWO BLUE VORTEX

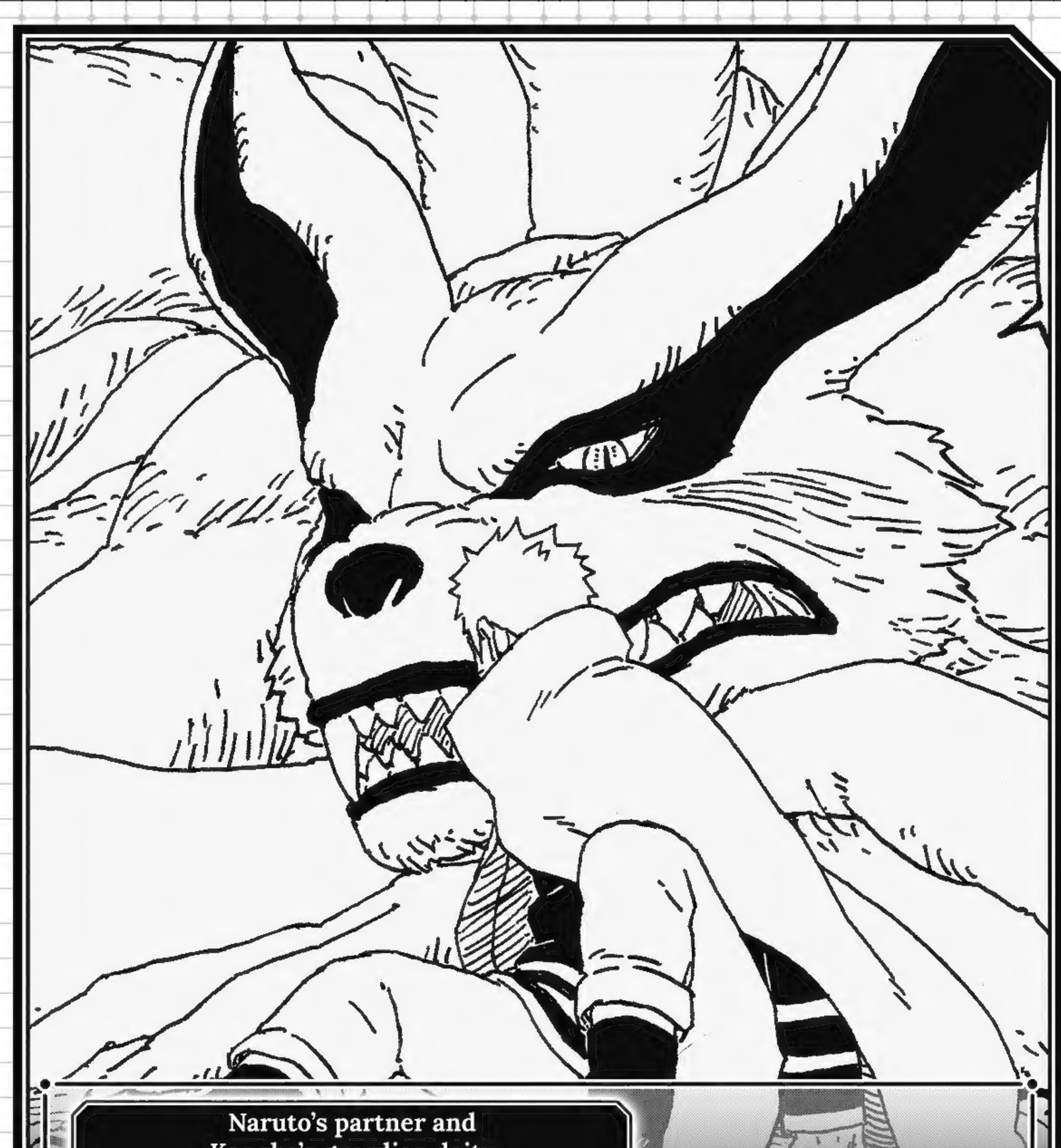
Let's review the events of Part 1!

Kurama, the biju who saved Konoha!

The power born through shaving away Kurama's life

Baryon Mode

Naruto's new power state. By "fusing" Naruto and Kurama's chakra instead of "kneading them together" like usual, a whole other, massive energy is generated as a byproduct. It is similar to the principle of nuclear fusion by which the sun produces energy. However, this chakra fusion is a process that destroys life and will lead to the jutsu performer's death if used continuously. In his battle against Ohtsutsuki Isshiki, Naruto assumed that both his and Kurama's lives were being shortened, but the jutsu performer was actually Kurama alone, and it was solely Kurama's life that was consumed. In addition, a special characteristic of the Baryon Mode is that it will similarly drain the life of anyone the jutsu performer is touching. It was this trait that became one of the decisive factors in defeating Isshiki.



Naruto's partner and
Konoha's guardian deity

Kurama (Nine Tails)

A member of the demon beast group called biju, who possess tremendous chakra. He is known as Nine Tails because he has nine tails, but his actual name is Kurama. Following many twists and turns after being sealed away inside a newborn Naruto's body, he becomes Naruto's partner but loses his life activating the Baryon Mode during their battle against Ohtsutsuki Isshiki.

However, death is not eternal for a biju, and it is said that the biju will eventually return to life somewhere. The interval is normally supposed to be extremely long, anywhere from several hundred to several thousand years, but in this instance, even Kurama himself was shocked at the exceptionally fast speed at which he was resurrected inside Himawari. There are several possible reasons for this, but as of this moment, the definite cause is not known.

◀ Check out the BORUTO database on the NARUTO OFFICIAL SITE to find all sorts of background information and term explanations!